GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE OF CROPS DUE TO HAILSTORMS IN M.P.
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about twenty percent crops in Madhya Pradesh have been affected due to hailstorms, heavy rains and strong winds;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has conducted any survey for providing relief to the farmers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) the assistance provided/proposed to be provided to the affected farmers in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): The Government of Madhya Pradesh have reported crop loss of 5% to 50% due to hailstorm and untimely rains in 35 districts of the State. The State Government have further informed that survey of damage is conducted by joint teams of revenue and agriculture officials. No memorandum has so far been received from the State Government for Central assistance.

According to the State Government, the affected area is 1.74 lakh hectares and financial assistance to the affected farmers is provided in accordance with the prescribed norms.